



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Glen R. Sumner

Serial No.: 08/520,711

Filed: 08/29/95

Title: Offshore Pipeline with
Waterproof Thermal Insulation

§ Group Art Unit: 3405

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Examiner: Patrick F. Brinson

Docket No.: S71033US

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicant, Glen R. Sumner, respectfully requests amendment of the referenced application as follows. Further, this amendment is made in response to a telephone interview conducted between R. William Beard, Jr. and Examiner Patrick F. Brinson conducted on March 19, 1997. During the interview, it was agreed that applicant would file a response to the outstanding restriction requirement mailed February 19, 1997. Further, applicant would submit an amendment to claims 21 - 51 filed on January 7, 1997. It is anticipated that amended claims 21 - 51 will be examined notwithstanding the election of withdrawn claims 1 - 7 filed on March 20, 1997.

In the claims

2 21. (once amended) [A] ~~The pipeline of claim 53~~ ¹ [comprising pipe with an insulating conglomerate therearound], wherein said [conglomerate] insulating layer comprises a